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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of

Governor's Message (GM) 739

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism:

I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Kimi Yuen to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

I have known Ms. Yuen, both professionally and personally for over 20 years, and have had the opportunity to work directly with her in a variety of areas from community and professional organizations to serving on accreditation committees to projects of or in coordination with the Office of Planning where she is a member of the project team. Her diligent work, high level of integrity, breadth of knowledge and experience, and holistic approach are a few of her key assets that she will be able to share with her board colleagues.

Ms. Yuen has gained my trust and respect, as someone that will uphold the highest levels of leadership, and there is no question that she will greatly contribute and apply her passion, knowledge and experiences to the work of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Ms. Kimi Yuen as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 739.



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April 6, 2019

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Subject: GM 739 – Support for Gubernatorial Nominee Kimi Yuen to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, term to expire 06-30-2022.

Dear Senator Wakai and Senator Taniguchi,

I want to voice my strong and enthusiastic support for Kimi Yuen to serve on the Board of HTA. I have worked closely with Kimi for close to 20 years and have the highest regard for her work and the balanced views she brings to the table. From 2000-2003 she was the lead planner working for me on developing a Master Plan for Kahanu Garden in Hana, Maui which is home to Piilanihale Heiau one of the most sacred sites in Hawaii. She did an outstanding job of developing a plan that received several awards and balanced visitor access, cultural sensitivity and natural resource conservation.

Most recently she served as the project lead on the Hā'ena State Park Master Plan which was a 10-year process. I was a member of the Community Advisory Committee which guided the process and ensured it balanced the needs of protecting this wahi pana and providing safe and adequate access and facilities for visitors. We are all excited to see HSP being transformed and ready to open to visitors on June of this year! Kimi worked tirelessly on this project and took the time to fly over and participate in countless community meetings.

In closing, I assure you that in Kimi you will have a hard work, smart, dedicated board member who comes with the highest credentials and expertise and who will certainly be a huge asset to the HTA Board and President Chris Tatum. I urge you to confirm her for the term recommended by Governor Ige which will expire on 06-30-2022. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions about my strong recommendation for Kimi Yuen.

Me ka mahalo a me ke aloha,

Chipper Wichman, President



April 7, 2019

RE: GM 739: Strong Letter of Support for **KIMI YUEN** for Board of Directors Hawaii Tourism Authority

Dear Chairperson Senator Wakai, Vice Chairperson Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I am honored and proud to write this strong letter of support for Ms. Kimi Yuen's nomination and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii. Tourism Authority.

I have known Ms. Yuen on both a personal and professional level for nearly eight (8) years. Given that being a board member of HTA is an influential and significant position as they service Hawaii's largest industry – tourism - Ms. Yuen would be an ideal candidate because of her utmost integrity, commitment to her work, her professionalism and trustworthiness.

Ms. Yuen is a person of the highest integrity – she always does what she says she is going to do when she says she is going to do it. She is consistent in her core values and has a deep commitment to do the right thing for the right reasons, regardless of the circumstance. She will not compromise her values and I highly respect her for that.

In her current role as principal of PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc., she has been deeply rooted in the community by engaging with the local neighborhoods with outreach programs, public hearings, and promoting master planned communities to ultimately balance the community's vision with the public and private sector projects.

Given that HTA's goal is to optimize the tourism's benefits for Hawaii and at the same time balancing that with the interests of the community and tourists, Ms. Yuen has that experience and professionalism to help achieve those goals.

Ms. Yuen is energized by large-scale challenges and the opportunity to make a difference to her industry and her community. Additionally, she is known for building strong relationships centered in commitment and trust. She displays an uncanny desire to achieve ambitious goals, while never compromising her morals, values and personal beliefs.

As the HTA's Board of Directors is a volunteer position, I cannot see a better person suited to be part of this exclusive gubernatorial appointed HTA board than Ms. Yuen.

Thank you for your consideration in voting in favor of Ms. Yuen's nomination to HTA's Board of Directors.

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April 5, 2019

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President,
And Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

It is with great enthusiasm and honor that I write this **letter in strong support** of the nomination of **Ms. Kimi Yuen** to the Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA).

I have known Ms. Yuen for many years and also had the opportunity to interact closely as a fellow colleague in the Pacific Century Fellows Program as well as in her capacity as a Principal with PBR Hawaii & Associates, a leading firm in field of Landscape Architecture, Land Planning and Environmental Studies.

Ms. Yuen is very passionate about Hawai'i community, but what stands out of Ms. Yuen is her ability to work in a collegial manner with people from all walks of life in spite of their differing perspectives and work styles. Ms. Yuen is dedicated to doing what is in the best interests of the collective as evidenced by her abilities to lead and to follow as appropriate.

Given Ms. Yuen's professional background, experience and as well as her leadership skills, she will be a tremendous asset to the HTA Board.

I hope that you will consider approving her nomination to the Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at k.jo@princehawaii.com.

Mahalo,

Kisan Jo
President



Imanaka Asato
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April 8, 2019

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on
Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session, 2019

RE: Governor's Message No. 739
Hearing date: April 10, 2019 at 2:45 pm

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice chair Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy,
Economic Development and Tourism:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Kimi Yuen's
nomination to the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Ms. Yuen is a principal at one of the leading land planning firms in Hawaii. She has been instrumental in the development of many master planned communities and in providing long range land use planning throughout Hawaii. Ms. Yuen is also involved with various national planning organizations including the Urban Land Institute and the US Green Building Council. Her wealth of experience is certainly valuable to the State's agency tasked with establishing policies which will determine the future of tourism and what is sustainable for our islands.

On a personal note, I have known Ms. Yuen for several years. She is a person with great integrity and is willing to dedicate the time and resources necessary to successfully serve on the Hawaii Tourism Authority board. For these reasons, I strongly support Kimi Yuen for a position with the Hawaii Tourism Authority and hope you will confirm his nomination.

Mahalo,

Imanaka Asato, LLLC

Michael L. Iosua
Partner



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April 8, 2019

The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chairman,
and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: GM 739 Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kimi Yuen, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Dear Chairman Wakai and Committee Members:

My name is Les Goya and I have known Ms. Kimi Yuen for a number of years, largely as a land planner, but also as a wife, mother and active community participant. Ms. Yuen was fortunate enough to have gone to a mainland university to study Architecture and Asian American Studies. Having studied and lived on the mainland and having worked on numerous land planning projects in the state, provides Ms. Yuen with a rare and valuable perspective to tourism in Hawaii. Her knowledge gained from working on numerous land planning projects throughout the state, large and small for both the public and private sectors, provides her with a unique insight to what truly makes Hawaii special and such a wonderful attraction to visitors.

The perspective that Ms. Yuen can provide to the Hawaii Tourism Authority board is a valuable insight about tourism and the uniqueness of the islands which will complement the knowledge and skills being provided by the existing board members.

Ms. Yuen having been a hard working land planner, caring wife and mother is also active in the community spending time to support and participate in a number of community events, activities and organizations. If confirmed, the Hawaii Tourism Authority board will gain an individual who is hard working, diligent and someone who cares about these islands. These traits while serving on the board will help to make tourism better for both residents and visitors alike.

Please give Ms. Kimi Yuen favorable consideration and confirm her to the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board.

Mahalo,

Les Goya
Vice President
Queen Emma Land Company

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Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

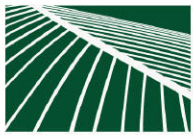
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Presley Wann	Testifying for Hui Maka'ainana O Makana	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Selection Committee,

On behalf of myself and members of the Hui Maka'ainana O Makana, we strongly support Kimi Yuen's nomination to the HTA board. I have known Kimi for approximately five years now. She was instrumental in helping advocate for the Ha'ena State Park Master Plan in Ha'ena, Kauai. Kimi's perseverance was crucial in helping insure its success. She was present at many community meetings for the Ha'ena State Park legislative process. It took great courage to do so. This next month or two the park will be opening. We feel that Kimi would be a great asset to the HTA board. We humbly ask for your consideration on this appointment.

Mahalo Nui Loa, Presley Wann



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Senator Glenn Wakai
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**RE: SUPPORT OF KIMI MIKAMI YUEN'S NOMINATION TO THE HAWAII
TOURISM AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (GM 739)**

Aloha Chairman Senator Wakai and Committee Members:

Please support the nomination of Kimi Mikami Yuen to serve on the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) Board of Directors.

For close to 20 years, I have had the pleasure and honor to work with Kimi on a variety of community planning and design efforts. During this time, Kimi has proved herself to be a very effective leader of our firm ascending to a Principal level of the firm. Her ability to bring together a variety of stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to find creative solutions will certainly translate to a strong contributing member of the HTA Board. Her knowledge and expertise as a community and environmental planner will certainly provide a voice on the Board to help ensure our vital tourism industry continues to be sensitive to how our natural and cultural resources are managed.

Kimi has served as President of the American Planning Association local Chapter from 2015-2017 and is still actively engaged in matters dealing with good planning for our State. She is a talented individual who is capable of working well with others.

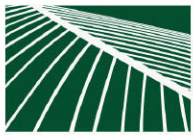
Mahalo nui for your support of Kimi Mikami Yuen to serve on the HTA Board.

Sincerely,

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President (Landscape Architect)
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**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF KIMI MIKAMI YUEN'S NOMINATION
TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(GM 739)**

Aloha Chairman Senator Wakai and Committee Members:

I urge your support of Kimi Mikami Yuen to serve on the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) Board. Since joining PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc. almost 20 years ago, she has consistently demonstrated her ability to work collaboratively with diverse interests in community and environmental planning efforts throughout our State. Her knowledge, expertise and abilities to seek creative solutions to in our diverse profession of community and environmental planning will certainly assist her in providing a positive contribution impact to the HTA Board responsibilities.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Witten, FASLA
Chairman (Landscape Architect/Planner)
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**Written Letter of Support of Aki Marceau
before the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
April 9, 2019**

In consideration of GM 739

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Energy,
Economic Development and Tourism,

I submit strong support for GM 739 for consideration and confirmation to the Board of
Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, KIMI YUEN, for a term
to expire 06-30-2022.

I am an American Institute of Certified Planning (AICP) accredited planner with experience
working on Federal and local infrastructure projects in Hawai'i, and I have known Ms. Yuen
since 2011. As Principal of PBR Hawai'i, Ms. Yuen has served as a thought leader on best
practice for long range planning and sustainable development in Hawai'i and
demonstrates exceptional professional integrity. As a LEED AP BC+D professional, Ms.
Yuen can share a balanced perspective to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board of Directors
and knowledgeably advise on the built environment and long term economic and
environmental sustainability of Hawai'i's tourism sector.

Sincerely,

Aki Marceau, AICP
Managing Director, Policy & Community

GM-739

Submitted on: 4/5/2019 3:22:37 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Paloma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I met Kimi Yuen through our time together in the Pacific Century Fellows Program. Part of the beauty of that program includes the opportunity to network with peers and colleagues in areas outside of our daily grind and expertise. Kimi is one of those gems that I have come to know through that program. Professionally, her work in urban planning has encompassed a vast amount of insight and consideration for the host culture of Hawaii and it's development and/or preservation. Personally, I have come to know Kimi as a passionate empowered woman who deeply cares for her children and seeks to create better opportunities for all future generations through her work. I have been impressed with her persistence and dedication toward communities and provide my full recommendation in her work toward the HTA board. She will provide much to that Board and her contributions will be welcomed!

GM-739

Submitted on: 4/5/2019 3:26:00 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Unyong Nakata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Ms. Yuen is a talented and experienced professional who lives and works through her values of integrity, compassion, and excellence. I endorse her 100% for the prestigious consideration of board of directors for the Hawaii tourism authority.

April 5, 2019

Senate Committee on Energy,
Economic Development, and Tourism
Hearing Date: April 10, 2019
Hearing Time: 2:45 pm
Hearing Location: Conference Room 414, State Capitol

RE: GM739 – Written Testimony In Support

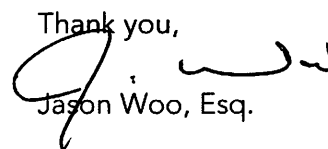
To Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee:

My name is Jason Woo and I submit this testimony in strong support of GM739, Kimi Yuen's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA).

Ms. Yuen has a diverse and distinguished professional background dealing with large scale projects that have an enormous impact on the community, environment, and the local economy. Her professional experience would undoubtedly be an asset to HTA's mission "[t]o strategically manage Hawaii tourism in a sustainable manner consistent with economic goals, cultural values, preservation of natural resources, community desires and visitor industry needs."

While Ms. Yuen's career, accomplishments and experience continue to garner greater recognition and responsibilities, more importantly, Ms. Yuen continues to be one of the most humble and genuine people that I know. She sincerely cares for others and, I believe, that could be her most important contribution to HTA and the community. Ms. Yuen is an exceptional nominee and this committee should confirm her nomination to the Board of Directors of the HTA without delay.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Woo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Woo, Esq.

GM-739

Submitted on: 4/5/2019 5:17:24 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Chan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Having a personal relationship with Kimi Yuen from both attendance at Iolani School and a member of the Pacific Century Fellows, I stand behind her ethics, values, and ideas.

GM-739

Submitted on: 4/5/2019 5:54:56 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lacey Shimabukuro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-739

Submitted on: 4/5/2019 7:46:20 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Thune	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I know Kimi at a personal level since 2016 as a cohort of the Pacific Century Fellows program. Her extensive knowledge as a planner makes her keenly aware of the need to balance the importance of Hawaii's unique community and ecosystem against the continuing change of business and the economy. She is not afraid to ask tough questions and provides honest feedback.

TO: Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

FROM: Connie C. Chow, Esq.;
1099 Alakea Street, Suite 2400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 739- Relating to Nominee KIMI YUEN for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii
Tourism Authority

HEARING DATE: April 10, 2019, 2:45 p.m., Room 414

Testimony in Support

Please accept my written testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Kimi Yuen to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. I have known Kimi both personally and professionally for several years and can testify to her strong character and exceptional understanding of Hawaii, its people and its special culture.

As a Principal Planner for PBR Hawaii, Kimi has worked across the State of Hawaii on all of the major Hawaiian islands. She is familiar with the people, the land and the culture of each island, which will serve her well as a member of the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

During this pivotal time in Hawaii's tourism industry, we need strong, young leaders that have the passion and knowledge to introduce innovative ideas on how to make tourism a sustainable industry in Hawaii. I believe Kimi will meet this need.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Kimi Yuen.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Connie C. Chow', written in a cursive style.

CONNIE C. CHOW

GM-739

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 1:36:59 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Wagner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have known Kimi personally for more than 27 years. Professionally, I had the opportunity to work alongside her regularly during our time as cohorts of the Pacific Century Fellows Class of 2016. Kimi has a solid business acumen which is a by-product of high academic achievements and more importantly her hands-on work and volunteer experiences. Kimi is a diligent and ethical business woman with strong leadership qualities and poise. She is an ideal candidate who can infuse a unique professional insight in developing programs and policies that bring meaningful, responsible and significant impact to Hawaii's visitors and our island chain.

GM-739

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 1:38:28 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have worked with Ms. Yuen for some three and a half years and have found her to be extremely resourceful, organized, intelligent, thoughtful, and honest. She is also a good listener who is not afraid of complexity or difficult situations. Ms. Yuen is pleasure to work with and would be an outstanding director for the Hawaii Tourism Authority. I recommend her confirmation.

GM-739

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 2:05:50 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walden Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Ms. Yuen is a community minded leader and will be a major contributor to the HTA Board. I support her appointment to this position.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 739
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KIMI YUEN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 739 nominating Kimi Yuen to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Ms. Yuen, as a senior planner with PBR Hawaii, has a keen understanding of a variety of issues affecting the quality of life and our economy in Hawaii. Specifically and most recently, Ms. Yuen was instrumental as the senior planner working very closely with Division of State Park staff and Kauai community stakeholders in the long and qualitative effort to finalize the Hā'ena State Park Master Plan and EIS.

This plan is unique in that it identifies the adjacent community and the quality of life for these residents, the sensitivity of host culture values and features, and the natural resources as the dominate metric to allow for public use and recreation. Hā'ena has been subjected to over tourism for decades and the plan – with instrumental commitment, support and guidance by Ms. Yuen in all aspects of the planning effort – will attempt to significantly reduce visitor patronage. This experience of direct community and departmental involvement in visitor management is a valuable experience that Ms. Yuen brings to the HTA Board.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Yuen's nomination.

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Michael Dahilig
Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

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Before the
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
April 10, 2019; 2:45 pm
Conference Room 414

In consideration of
GM739 Kimi Yuen Gubernatorial Nominee for the
Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

Honorable Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i **strongly supports** the appointment of Kimi Yuen to the State of Hawaii Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority which guides the agency's work including its annual budget, marketing plan, and funding support of community programs.

Throughout her career Ms. Yuen has distinguished herself as a leader in planning and design projects. Her background in working with groups to resolve conflicts and develop successful action plans will be an asset for our state. On Kauai, Ms. Yuen helped develop the Hā'ena State Park Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement working with a diverse group of community individuals and needs. Her ability to understand the needs of all the stakeholders and develop a plan to serve residents and visitors, while respecting and honoring the cultural and environmental components is key to the future of tourism in Hawai'i.

Additionally, Ms. Yuen supported the County of Kaua'i with our South Kaua'i Community Plan and our Lihu'e Town Core Urban Design Plan. Her well roundedness, professionalism, and keen knowledge of the dynamics of Hawai'i were an asset in these projects.

We are confident in Ms. Yuen's ability to guide Hawai'i's tourism and strongly support your appointment of her to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Shibata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Kimi Yuen to serve on the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) Board of Directors. I have known Kimi for over 13 years where we've worked on numerous planning projects throughout the state. We have also have served together on the American Planning Association - Hawaii Chapter, her effective leadership as President was key in establishing a solid foundation for the organization, while also expanding its outreach statewide. Her extensive planning knowledge, exceptional character, and commitment to excellence will be a tremendous asset to the HTA Board of Directors.

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Michele Kurihara-Klein	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide personal testimony in strong support of Ms. Kimi Yuen for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Ms. Yuen's education, resume, and accomplishments speak for themselves -- she is an accomplished urban planner and is now a principal at one of the top firms in Hawaii, with a focus on giving back to her community. She has played a critical role in a wide variety of public and private projects and has coordinated extensive community outreach efforts.

On a personal note, I met Kimi through mutual friends several years ago, but got to know her better via the Pacific Century Fellows Program, where she coordinated various activities and learning experiences for our class. She has always gone above and beyond to share her expertise and knowledge with us. I've long admired Kimi's immediate warmth, her generosity -- with her time and energy, both personally and professionally, and her ability to quickly connect and relate to people of varying backgrounds and professions.

Kimi is a strong leader in our community and I trust that she will be a valuable asset to the HTA Board and strongly support her appointment.

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Jaime Oliveira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

It's my honor to provide written testimony for your consideration in support of Kimi Yuen as Board of Directors of Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Sincerely,

Jaime Kinoshita Oliveira